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WELCH MURDER CASE.

W. F. Russell and His Wife on Trial for Their Lives.

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On Both Sides—The Tragedy That Shocked Barbour County—Circumstantial Evidence Causes the Arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Russell—The Dead Woman the Mother of Mrs. Russell. Poison Found in Her Stomach.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PHILIPPE, W. Va., June 28.—The case of the State vs. E. M. Russell and Margaret Russell, indicted for a felony, was put on trial here Tuesday, Judge J. T. Hoke on the bench. Melville Peck, prosecuting attorney for this, Barbour county, is conducting the prosecution, assisted by C. E. Teter and S. V. Woods, Esq. The defense is being ably conducted by A. G. Daggon, J. Hop Woods, F. O. Blue and W. G. Kittie. There is a strong array of legal talent on either side as Melville Peck is one of the ablest prosecutors in the state and an all around good lawyer, while A. G. Dayton, chief counsel for the defense, has a reputation as a lawyer that is not confined to Barbour county. The jury was obtained after a little delay, just exhausted the first panel of forty men.

A great many witnesses have been summoned to testify in the case, about seventy-five have already been summoned for the state and fifty for the defendants, while every day adds to the long list. Great interest is manifested in the trial, and the excitement runs high, and the court room is packed during the sessions of the court.

THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME for which E. M. Russell and Margaret Russell, his wife, are on trial for their life or liberty is as follows:

On March 24, 1894, Mrs. Amanda Welch, (mother of Mrs. Russell) who lived at Pepper, this county, died very suddenly, only being sick nine hours. She suffered great pain, with strong indications of poisoning. She was buried next day, no inquest being held. Soon after she was buried the neighbors began to talk much about a foul crime that had been committed, the authors being, as they believed, E. M. Russell and wife, son-in-law and daughter respectively, of the dead woman. These murmurings were finally heard by Mr. Peck, and he at once began an investigation. He had the body of Mrs. Welch exhumed on April 2, and a coroner's jury was impaneled. E. B. Hudkins, a justice of the county, acting as coroner, the jury after examining a great many witnesses, held Russell and wife as the guilty parties and they have been in jail ever since, the grand jury for the May term finding a true bill against them.

This is a special term of the court set for the sole purpose of hearing this case. It is claimed that Russell and wife put some "rough on rats" in Mrs. Welch's coffee pot on the afternoon of March 23 with criminal intent, and that Mrs. Welch drank some coffee that was made by her in the pot for supper and was soon taken violently ill and died, after suffering great agony as described above. Two neighboring women who were called during the night drank some of the coffee and were both taken ill, but finally recovered.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

Willie Welch and his mother, Amanda Welch, lived alone together, Mr. Welch being dead. But Willie had left home the afternoon of March 23, and went over in Taylor county to see his sweetheart, as he said, and did not get home until after his mother died. It might be stated in this connection that Mrs. Welch and Russell lived only a short distance apart, but it seems that Russell has been on bad terms with his mother-in-law for a long time and made many threats. It has been developed in evidence that Russell bought a box of rough on rats of Cleaver & McIntra, nearby merchants, sometime in March, and also that he bought forty grains of sulphate of strichnine of Cunningham Bros., druggists, at Clarksburg, W. Va., on February 2, 1894. Mr. G. S. Hland, their clerk, testifying that Russell represented to him that he wanted the poison to kill dogs.

The stomach of Mrs. Welch was taken out by Dr. Bosworth and McDaniels and taken to Morgantown, W. Va., to Prof. A. R. Whitehill, chemist, who found arsenic sufficient in the contents of the stomach to produce death, but found no trace of strichnine.

Prof. Whitehill was on the witness stand six hours Tuesday and withstood a searching cross examination at the hands of Attorney Dayton, but came out unscathed. Drs. McDaniel, Bosworth, and Smith will give expert testimony today.

The evidence against Russell and wife is mostly circumstantial. The trial will likely last all this week and next, and the verdict will be eagerly received.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Many Voters Advocate the Name of Grinnell Daniels for Congress To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

Sir:—Will you kindly publish a few words regarding the sentiment of many voters, both Democratic and Republican, concerning the election in this, the Third congressional district of West Virginia?

In Monroe and the adjoining counties the best and most influential citizens are farmers. This district is always Democratic, yet Republicans see a fair chance to win this year. Hence every politician and lawyer is on the alert for a place at the head of the Republican party. They will not go down with our farmers.

Our county conventions have been inclined to advocate the nomination of men who do not possess the elements of strength that go to make up successful candidates. This is nearly always our lot when victory is within our grasp.

Hon. J. D. Alderson is not wanted by many of his former supporters, at the same time he would run the best race of any man the Democrats could put up. Many of them want a certain kind of Republican seat, but do not wish to tell it outright. The Democratic farmers want a wise and prudent man from among their ranks who will look to their interests and is not ambitious for political favors.

The Republicans want such a man also, in order that he may command enough of the Democratic farmer votes to elect him.

We beg to call attention to the man of the above description, and if he does not suit the Republicans of the district we implore them to select some other man from his class.

Grauline Houchins, of Mercer county, is, and always has been, a true, consistent and honest Republican. He is a man of superior intellect and great

benevolence. He can get more Democratic support in Monroe, Mercer and Summers counties than any other Republican and than many Democrats would get. He is by far the strongest man we know. Whole families of Democrats mean to work for him clear through to success. If he does not suit the party, pray select a man of his class who may please party and people both.

MARY VORTEX,
Greenville, W. Va., June 20.

FIRE WORKS EXPLODE

And Wounds Number of Chicago Democrats Returning from the Convention.

CHICAGO, June 27.—By the explosion of a case of fire works on the rear platform of the special train bringing home from the state convention the marching club of the Cook County Democracy, last night, eight of the members were buried. The accident occurred at Bloomington.

The following were buried: W. C. Avery, city prosecutor, was burned; John W. Brown, back of neck and both hands terribly burned; Col. Emerich, both hands terribly burned; John P. Hopkins, side of face and hands burned, mustache and hair singed; John W. Lehman, left hand and right wrist burned; William C. Walsh, both hands burned. The report was started that an attempt had been made to blow up the train. Great excitement followed. It will be a week or more before some of those who were buried will be able to use their hands.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Follows in the Wake of the Great Cyclone to Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 28.—A cyclone visited this vicinity last evening, scattering death and destruction in its path. Charles Mielke, aged sixteen years, started from the house to close the barn door and was caught and killed. From Mielke the storm worked east, striking John Schmitz's place, three miles west. The family did not notice its approach in time and father, mother and four children were taken in the ruins of their house and scattered several rods from where the house stood. They are more or less injured, but only one, a girl of fourteen, is seriously hurt. The track of the storm was about two rods wide.

TERRIBLE CYCLONE

Near Litchfield, Minnesota—Two Persons Killed and Several Injured.

LITCHFIELD, MINN., June 28.—A terrible cyclone passed within two miles of Litchfield last night. It covered a strip of about ten rods wide and four or five miles long and killed two persons. Several others are injured, some fatally. Six or seven farm houses were destroyed and trees and crops were wiped clean to the ground. One house caught fire and was destroyed. The dead reported are: Miss Jennie Lindstrom, of St. Paul, aged twenty-two; Mrs. John Sanders, aged sixty. Several physicians are in the cyclone territory doing what they can for the injured. It is thought several others will die.

STROKES THE UNIVERSITY.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, MINN., June 28.—A cyclone struck St. John's University at Collegeville last night, totally wrecking the industrial school and all of the outbuildings, such as bakery, barn, carpenter shop, slaughter house, garage house, laundry and shoe shop. The roof of the main building is badly damaged, and countless windows were broken. The damage is about \$20,000, happily no lives were lost.

THE CYCLONE AT GLACIER.

GLACIER, MINN., June 28.—A cyclone struck about five miles northwest of here last night, killing and injuring many people and destroying a large amount of property. Five in one family were seriously injured and seven in another.

THIRTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

WILMAR, MINN., June 28.—Reports from the country around here show that over thirty houses were totally destroyed by the cyclone. A family of seven is reported to be killed at Roseland.

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If not, now is the time to provide yourself and family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as an insurance against any serious results from an attack of bowel complaint during the summer months. It is almost certain to be needed and should be procured at once. No other remedy can take its place or do its work.

OMAHA, NEB., May 9, 1891.

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